



Virginia Leist

May 11, 1917 - February 28, 2011

Virginia Lee (Leatherman) Leist left this life on February 28, 2011, at the age of 93 years, 9 months and 17 days. She was born May 11, 1917, in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, the first child of Hazel Loma Davis and Allen Guy Leatherman. Virginia was only a few months old when she returned to Laverne, OK with her parents, where she grew up and graduated from high school in May of 1937. After graduation she moved to Los Angeles, CA, to attend business school, planning to stay there until she graduated. But she had been writing her long-time boyfriend, Dallas Leist, while she was gone, and they both decided to come home to Laverne for Christmas. Dallas had been working in Pontiac, Michigan since the spring of 1935, and when they got together in Laverne with a group of their best friends on Christmas Eve, everyone decided it was the right time for a wedding. And Virginia and Dallas were married in the wee hours of December 25, 1937.

Virginia and Dallas returned to Pontiac, Michigan, and then moved back home to Laverne in 1938. They later lived in other towns in the Laverne area and returned to Pontiac, and then settled permanently in Alva, OK in the summer of 1950, where they lived until Dallas' death in 1966. Virginia lived in Alva until 1976, when she moved to Wichita, KS and operated a licensed in-home daycare there, where she collaborated with SRS Day Care Programs in developing menus and nutritional guidelines for childcare facilities in Wichita. She was still caring for children in her home when she retired in 1998 at the age of 81 and moved to Freedom, OK with her daughter.

While Virginia lived in Alva, she worked as a Western Union Telegraph Operator, Red Cross Secretary and was an accomplished artist, working with Jack Hayward for many years helping to teach art. She was a loving wife and mother who always put her children and other family members first. Over the years, Virginia had many pets, and she cared for them dearly, while also supporting various humane societies.

Virginia and Dallas were blessed with five children: Jan, Lana, Sherre, George and Ann. She was preceded in death by her husband Dallas, her parents, two grandsons and a son-in-law Don Enger. Virginia is survived by: Jan Enger; Lana and Alan Burkhart; Sherre and Brent Mawhirter; George and Linda Leist; Ann Felser and fiancé Max Carlson; three sisters: Bobbie Wyand, Alene Lee and Lora Hulbert; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and loving friends, who will all miss her charm, wisdom and wit and her wonderful letters.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

Myatt Funeral Home
421 S. Broadway
Laverne, Ok

Tribute Wall

SE

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sean and Melissa Evans - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am Very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all in your time of sadness.

Jim Scribner - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal. May you be comforted by your memories.

Mark & Charla Throckmorton - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Sincerely.

Trooper Jimmy & Julie Davison Helm - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So sorry to hear about your mom. We will pray for you and your family.

LeRoy & Sue Burks - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ What a great and loving lady! You all are in our prayers!!!

Rod and Dian Gourley - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Annie and family, we are thinking of you.

Alan and Kendra Hada - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We love you Aunt Virginia. Always have; always will.

Marcus Lee - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I lived a block away from my Aunt Virginia in Wichita and will never forget her kind considerate nature. She was always there asking if I needed anything. I will miss her.

Rodney Lee - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ We will be praying for all of you. She was so special to our family.

Lois Lyon - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Virginia was a beautiful women and person. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Linda McGill Wagner - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I'm glad Virginia lived such a long, full life for her family, her friends and all who knew her. She introduced me to the joy of chocolate chips poured into a bowl of hot, buttered, salted popcorn and to the healing powers of Vick's Vaporub slathered on my chest so I could breathe well when I spent the night with my best friend, Lana. I thought Lana's mother was a very exotic and beautiful woman. I hope Lana saved all the correspondence that passed between her and her mother; that would make a hell of a book.

Dorthy McGill - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I have known Virginia a lot of years. I enjoyed being around her. We used to meet at Justine's to get our hair fixed. Virginia was fun & funny. She will really be missed.

Jewel LeDou - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Sherre, Lana, Jan & family,
I remember your Mom being loving and happy to have me and other children in her home often--sleepovers, chasing fireflies in front yard, and letting us watch TV (The Cisco Kid!) My condolences to you all. What a long, lively, life she led!

Monet Monfort Lion - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss.
Jody & Annie Evans

Annie Evans - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM